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If you'd like to contact the BHCA then you can either;

- Write to us at **Parish Council Offices, Hanover Close, Bar Hill. CB23 8EH**
- Email the Chair of Trustees at **chair-of-trustees@barhill-ca.org**, or

We meet monthly on the second Tuesday at 7:30 pm in the Fox.

If you'd like an agenda, or would like to come along and get involved in our work, please get in touch!

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LETTERS, NOTICES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please send content to **bhn-editor@barhill-ca.org**. Thank you!

Bar Hill Indoor Bowls Club

We meet in the school on Friday evenings during term time only from 7.30 pm to 9.30 pm with a 1/2 hour break for coffee. We are a very friendly group and we would love to have some new members. It doesn't matter if you have never played before just come along and join us one Friday, the cost is £3 per week but the 1st week is free.

Please note, the last bowls evening before we break up for the Summer holidays will be on Friday 17 July 2026

If you would like more information please contact me on **01954 204171 / 07847 327709** or **barbara.page@live.co.uk**

A Huge Thank You From the Trustees!

As the newly elected Chair of the Bar Hill Community Association, I would like to extend a massive, heartfelt thank you to everyone who made our Fête and Festival such a wonderful success as we celebrated 59 fantastic years!

An event of this scale doesn't happen by magic. I am incredibly grateful to our tireless Fête and Festival team, my fellow BHCA Trustees working behind the scenes, and the Parish Council for their support of the event. Thank you also to our brilliant main stage performers and the local businesses who donated generously and for the incredible raffle prizes.

This year has been a challenge due to a lack of volunteers, please consider volunteering with the BHCA or if you are a local business sponsoring our **Christmas Lights and Tree** (deadline for sponsorship is the 30th September) so we can keep making these memories together.

If you are interested in volunteering for the BHCA or any other village organisation, please contact us via **volunteering@barhill-ca.org**.

Anthony Mitchell

BHCA Chair of Trustees

anthonym@barhill-ca.org

Bar Hill Church Knit & Natter Group

Thursday 1.30 until 3.00p.m. in The Octagon.

We are a well established and a popular group who are keen and committed to knitting items that help others in need, and meet to knit and make new friends, produce some fantastic baby clothes, blankets and knitted toys etc., and enjoy tea and cakes together, and sometimes just chat and share stories.

As part of our programme we encourage the ladies to take part in some simple helpful and fun exercises designed to improve general welfare and to keep their fingers and joints moving well, and boost their physical and mental health.

Our present knitting programme is to produce baby clothes and blankets for local new young mums with limited resources, and also blankets for people in the village who may have health or welfare problems and need a helping hand or a kind gesture. We try to respond to any group or individual who needs this help.

New members are always very welcome and find it helps to have a regular group to attend weekly and are always happy to find new friends to chat to and share their “ups and downs” their interests and achievements.

All the wool and patterns are available for the ladies to use. So there are no financial obligations. However contributions of wool from friends and neighbours are very welcome!

During the year we have extra events like craft sessions, tea parties and some outings.

Want to know more? Drop in and see what we are doing any Thursday afternoon or for more information give me a ring. Sue Kenchington **01954 780260**. Hope to meet you soon!

Help! We’re Missing Something

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Bar Hill HAPPY HOURS Club

The Bar Hill Happy Hours club meets in the main bar area of the Bar Hill Sports and Social Club between 2 and 4pm on Friday afternoons for tea/coffee and cakes, getting together with friends, fun and games. All of this for only £2 per person. The bar is open if you want something extra.

Upcoming Events:

7th August Bingo and quiz

14th August Holiday/Seaside/Picnic theme

21st August Bingo and quiz

28th August Games and quiz

4th September Bingo and quiz

11th September Games and quiz

For further information please contact Anne Plumb | **07790 306922** | anne@rwp10.plus.com

Dear Editor, RE: Puzzle Solutions

Solution for last month's puzzle:
Across: 1.three star, 6.reediness. 7.undiluted. 10.hailstone. **Down:** 1.through. 2.rye,3.edibles.4.the. 5.residue. 8.dei. 9.too.

This month's puzzle can be found on page 19. Hope you enjoy it!

Keith Morris

8 o'clock Club

We are a women's group that meets in the school on the first Thursday each month at 7.30 pm.

Our fee is £15 per year to join and then we make a charge at each meeting to cover the cost of refreshments and a raffle.

Our speaker on the Thursday 2 July is from Trinity House, the organisation who look after all the major lighthouses around England, Wales & the Channel Islands.

We welcome new members to the club. If you would like to join please come along to one of our meetings or phone Barbara **204171** (**07847 327709**), Adela **204265** or Ann **204687.**

Bar Hill Catholic Mass

Mass will be held in Bar Hill Church at 6pm on Saturdays. Our services are open to all and everyone is very welcome to attend. If you have any queries please call Bunty Waters **07734 690580**. Our local parish priest is Father Adrian Gates, from OLEM; he is also the Hospital Chaplain - **07842 190882**.
Contact Bunty Waters for more info.

The Community Market is taking a break during July and August but will return on **Saturday 26th September**.

We have donated £200 to the Village fete and hope to do the same for the Christmas Tree and Lights later in the year.

Please come and support the Market so we can continue to give donations to other Community projects!

Wendy Arrowsmith

YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

The Community Hub relies on the generosity of volunteers and we would appreciate a few extra people to help set up the Octagon on Monday mornings.

WHEN: 9.15 - 9.35 am, Mondays, approximately once every 8 weeks (no pack down required)

CONTACT: maggieandmalcolm@gmail.com, **07922 342954**.

Thank you so much for the generosity of your time!

Do You Like Singing Traditional Hymns? Would You Like a Quiet Afternoon Service Followed by Tea and Cake?

Bar Hill Church Is Holding a Traditional Service 4pm Sunday 23 August in the Octagon.

Everyone Is Very Welcome!

The Ascension Burial Ground

By Stella Joyner

A couple of weeks ago I had a guided tour of The Ascension Burial Ground in Cambridge.

The burial ground is at the end of All Souls Lane, between 145 and 147 Huntingdon Road, Cambridge CB3 0EA. It is open every day. The burial ground is one of Cambridge's best kept secrets - nationally it has been nicknamed "Britain's Brainiest Cemetery" as great scientific and philosophical minds; members of Charles Darwin family, Sir Clive Sinclair (1940 - 2021) the inventor ZX Spectrum and the Sinclair C5, and Lucy Slater (1922 - 2008) a computer pioneer, are among many buried here.

The owner and custodians of this burial ground belongs to the Church of England. Cambridge City Council and the Friends of the Ascension Burial Ground care for this site.

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There is also a Meeting Room, with its own independent access and great for meetings of up to 10 people.

The Village Hall is managed as a registered charity (number 1002579). To book, please visit our web site **barhillvillagehall.com** and email **enquiries@barhillvillagehall.com** to confirm.

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Remembering Holiday Club.....

For 30 years up until Covid, the first week of the school summer holidays meant Bar Hill Church Holiday Club: 100 primary-age children, 30-40 blue T-shirts (adult leaders), 20 or so red T-shirts (teenage leaders) and a whole lot of energy.

Sunday afternoon: the church is being transformed into the theme for this year.

9.15am: the line is forming of parents/carers and their excited children, kitted out in this year's Club T-shirt. 9.30am: the doors are opened and the children pour in. The leaders exchange looks that say, 'Here we go….'. ! Each morning's filled with songs, games, sharing Bible stories, conversations, refreshments, the "my pony" song, dance, crafts and today's drama episode. By 12.30pm it's time for children to be collected, unless it's Wednesday in which case we're eating packed lunch before getting on the coaches for our trip.

Friday evening we're back for the final celebration, then the great 'take-down' starts as the church is transformed back into….well, a church. Leaders are shattered, but it's still been the best week of their year: the love, the teamwork, the imagination, the fun, and the presence of God. And, we hope, a precious memory for all those children, many of whom now have their own children, in Bar Hill and beyond!

Did you attend a Bar Hill Church Holiday Club week? I wonder what your favourite memory is.

Children are still making memories at Bar Hill Church 😊 Do get in touch to find out about what is on offer each week.

follow us on

Church Office: Ian Farr, 01954 206120, church.office@barhillchurch.org.uk

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The refurbishment has allowed for the conversion of two administrative rooms to clinical rooms, a full refurbishment of the antiquated utilities throughout the surgery and refurbishment of all clinical rooms, administration areas and patient waiting room including improvement to the patient toilet facilities, access.

The contractors who undertook the refurbishment (Carters), have completed a fantastic job, working with the surgery team at every step to ensure that despite the surgery being a building site for the past 6months we have been able to maintain all of our patient services and at no point had to close the surgery. We wish to give great thanks to the surgery PPG (Patient Participation Group) who have worked tirelessly alongside us to secure the funding from NHS Property Services to implement and complete the refurbishment.

Surgery Staffing

We are pleased to confirm our new Practice Manager joins us in September, the surgery is currently being looked after by our regional Practice Support Manager, in addition we have welcomed two new Reception / Administrators to the team in recent months which brings us up to our full complement of Administrators, we are currently in the process of conducting interviews for an additional third GP to join the surgery, who we hope to have in post by late September they will add to our current GP team of Dr Pathmanathan and Dr Furnell.

The surgery is fully staffed and in addition has roles provided by our local PCN (Primary Care Network), which includes a Social Prescriber, Pharmacy Team and a Community Matron.

Patient Feedback

During the last quarter we have received the following patient feedback scores via the NHS Friends & Family feedback process: Very Good (446), Good (73), and Neither good/poor (13).

Flu and Covid Clinics

This flu season we administered over 800 flu vaccinations to eligible patients. We have recently delivered three COVID-19 vaccine clinics within the surgery and vaccinated a total of 151 patients.

Triage

We have implemented a new telephone triage system which provides greater access to appropriate signposted care and appointments, the system has been embedded over the past two months and is proving successful for patients and our surgery team.

Social Media

The surgery Facebook page and website have been completely refreshed, both providing the latest surgery information along with advice promoting health campaigns run both by the surgery and nationally. It is also a resource to notify patients at times of incidents that may be impacting on the surgery / their appointments. For example, the frequent power cuts in Bar Hill.

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Bar Hill Cricket Club

Our bowlers and fielders have been in good form in the last month, but unfortunately our batters haven't been able to capitalise and force any victories.

In the first match of the month, visitors Hemingford Park were bowled out for 132 as Jeemon Vazhappilly and Barry Driver each took three wickets and Sujith Kidangoor two.

Bar Hill started their reply well enough and reached 54 for 1 before the wickets started tumbling and they were all out for 89. Tom Linford-Wood made 33.

The trip to Needingworth saw a close match by a 20-run defeat. Bar Hill again bowled out their opponents, this time for 147 as Jeemon led the way with 4 for 22. However, despite captain Jacob Marshall-Grint hitting 36 and others chipping in, we could only make 127 in reply.

Cambridge St Giles III totalled 210 for 9 against us, Henry Ormrod the pick of the bowlers with three wickets. Bar Hill could only muster 139 in reply, Jacob again the top scorer with 27.

We had our first experience of The Hundred format when we played away to Thriplow in the Cambs & Hunts Invitation Cup. Thriplow are several divisions above us, but we acquitted ourselves well over the 100 balls of each innings. The hosts made 176 for 7 in their innings, with three wickets for Phil Orvis and two for Varun Dunga. In reply, Henry Ormrod was the top scorer with 31 as Bar Hill totalled 112 for 8.

In the midweek league, we lost a thriller against British Antarctic Survey, despite Phil Orvis taking four wickets then just three runs in BAS' innings of 116. Jeemon then struck 60, but Bar Hill fell just short on 114.

Cambourne Super Kings scored a powerful 171 for 6 in the other midweek match this month, Bar Hill making 68 for 9.

If you are interested in playing, or getting involved in the club some other way, get in touch via info@barhillcricket.org.uk or on the number below, or follow all the latest in the Bar Hill News and on our website at barhillcricket.org.uk or on our Facebook page.

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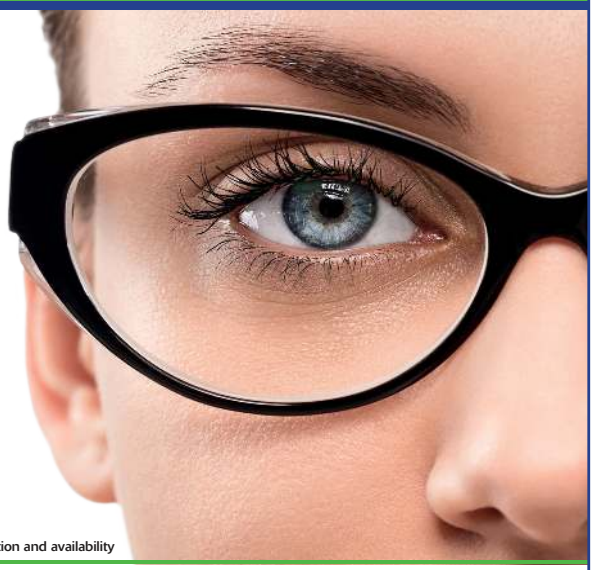

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Funding and Enquiries

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Kirsten - 07906218070 - Caring for children aged 6 months and up. Term-time-only and all-year-round care available. Current availability: spaces available from September 2027.

Eszter Horwood - 07783436921 - Caring for children aged 6 months and up. Term-time-only and all-year-round care available. Current availability: no spaces available.

Summer Highlights

Keeping Cool in the Heat

We successfully navigated the summer heatwaves, keeping the children safe, cool, and entertained with water play, sand activities, and bubble fun in our gardens. We also made the most of the shade at local parks and play areas, as well as visits to Wimpole Estate and Hinchingbrooke Country Park. Plenty of water breaks and ice lollies helped everyone stay refreshed on the warmest days.

Preparing for New Adventures

As the school year drew to a close, we spent time supporting some of our older children as they prepared for their exciting transition to school. It has been wonderful to watch their confidence grow as they get ready for this important milestone.

Celebrations and Special Events

There have been lots of reasons to celebrate over the summer, including birthdays, Wimbledon, and, of course, the FIFA World Cup. The children have enjoyed taking part in a range of themed activities and joining in the excitement of these special events.

Library Stay and Play

We have also visited the library for the Monday morning Stay and Play sessions. These mornings are always enjoyable, with a great selection of toys for the children and plenty of opportunities for adults to meet new people and chat while the children play. The librarian is also very friendly and welcoming.

Community Tree Adoption

You may have noticed the tree adoption scheme taking place around the village. We put our names forward to adopt the tree near the AB climbing frame at Pheasant Rise and are delighted to share that our application has been approved!

July has been a busy and exciting month at Preschool, filled with creativity, outdoor exploration and lots of end-of-year fun. As we prepared for the close of the school year, our role play area was transformed into a teacher-themed classroom, giving children the chance to become familiar with a school environment and enjoy dressing up in school uniforms. This has sparked conversations about "big school" and supported our older children as they get ready for their next steps.

Our football-themed tuff trays have also been a huge hit. Children have been sharing their favourite teams and using pom poms, small world characters and Lego-built goals to extend their imaginative play. The excitement of the World Cup has certainly added extra energy!

We were delighted to be invited by the Primary School to take part in a race during their Sports Day. The children had great fun and showed brilliant enthusiasm.

Our older children recently enjoyed a theatre experience, attending a performance of The Gruffalo. There was plenty of laughter as they watched the story come alive on stage.

Nature has continued to be a big part of our learning. Our tadpoles have grown beautifully - we now have one baby frog and several more close to becoming frogs. The children have loved observing the lifecycle up close. In the garden, our potatoes were ready to harvest, and our tomatoes, sunflowers and wildflowers have been flourishing.

We are now closed for the summer holidays and will return on **Thursday 4th September**. Wishing all our families a very Happy Holiday.

Admissions: We offer places to children from the term after they turn two years old. We accept 2-, 3- and 4-year-old funding and are part of the national savings childcare scheme.

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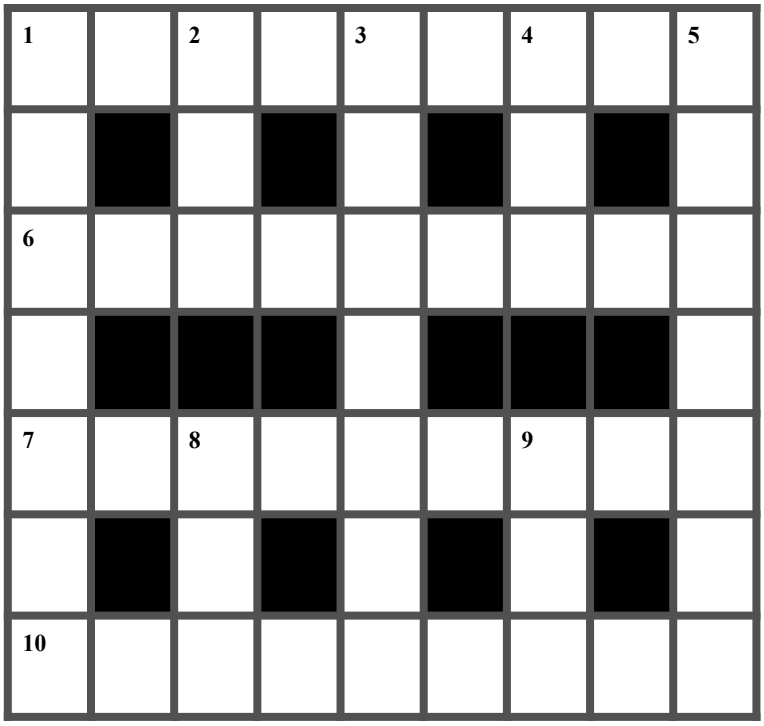

PUZZLE For August 2026

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Helping Hedgehogs in August

Left undisturbed in a healthy natural world, hedgehogs do not need us at all. Over millions of years, they evolved perfectly to find their own food, build their own nests, and survive every season entirely on their own. They are not helpless creatures by nature—the only reason they need extra help now is because human activity and interference have changed the world they live in.

Across the land, wild habitats have been lost or broken up: hedgerows removed, meadows built over, and wild spaces tidied or paved. This has left hedgehogs with fewer places to go, less to eat, and fewer safe places to rest. They are not struggling because they are weak—they are struggling because the world around them has become much harder to live in. When we step in to help, we are simply lending a hand to make up for the changes that have happened to their home. Our gardens have become some of the most important wild spaces left, and these small patches of ground are now their main lifeline. By caring for them, we also support insects, bats and all the natural balance that we all depend on too.

Here is how we can help them this month:

Feed them safely: This is the time they start building up their strength, so you can put out suitable food: meat-based cat or dog food (no fish flavours), specially made hedgehog biscuits, or small kitten biscuits. Never feed mealworms—they can upset their calcium balance and lead to painful bone problems. Always leave out a shallow dish of fresh water too. And remember: hedgehogs are lactose intolerant, so please never give them milk—it makes them poorly—and bread fills them up without giving them the goodness they need.

Make space to live and move: Leave some areas of grass to grow a little longer, and keep small piles of leaves, twigs or logs tucked away in corners—these make perfect shelter and attract the insects hedgehogs love to eat. Planting native flowers and shrubs will also bring back bees, beetles and moths, helping feed the whole natural chain. Most simply of all, make a small 13cm gap at the bottom of fences or gates—this lets hedgehogs wander freely between gardens, turning separate plots into one big safe home.

Keep spaces safe: Try to avoid using slug pellets, pesticides or weedkillers—these can harm hedgehogs directly, or kill the insects they feed on, and affect birds and bats too. Always have a good look in long grass and under bushes before using mowers or strimmers. If you have a pond, make sure it has shallow edges or a little ramp so they can climb out if they fall in, and cover drains or deep holes so they cannot fall in.

If you spot a hedgehog out in daylight, or one that looks small, slow or unwell, please contact Shepreth Hedgehog Hospital: **07947 361187**/ Liz Dams: **07912 988898**

Helping in August is not about doing something grand—it is just about giving nature a little extra support in a world that has shifted around it. When we make space for hedgehogs, we are making a kinder, healthier place for everyone.

Wildlife Gardening in August

August marks a gentle turning point for nature. With wild habitats lost or broken up across the countryside, our gardens have become the most important nature reserves we have left. Every space, large or small, offers vital refuge for hedgehogs, insects, bats and birds—and helping nature thrive helps us all too.

Many of us aim for a neatly manicured garden, but tidy, pruned spaces offer little to wildlife—they remove shelter, food and nesting places. A little wildness around the edges is exactly what our native creatures need.

Light pollution is another quiet problem: bright garden lights confuse night-flying insects, stopping them from feeding or breeding. Since these insects feed everything from bats to baby birds, this affects the whole natural world. Where you can, keep lights off after dark, use soft, low lighting only where needed, or draw curtains to keep light indoors.

How you can help this August:

- Grow natural food
- Care for birds
- Welcome Bats
- Keep it safe!

CAMBRIDGESHIRE COMMUNITY LOTTERY

If you have been thinking about joining the rest of us in helping to fund more village improvements, **NOW IS THE TIME!** Cambridgeshire community Lottery are having another one of their **SUPER DRAWS**, with the chance to win £2,000 on the holiday of your dreams. And remember that out of every £1.00 ticket you buy 50% (50p) goes directly to your chosen good cause (which of course we hope that BHCA would be your choice). Each ticket you buy has a massive 1 in 50 chance of winning, so much better than many of the other lotteries around! To take part, just visit the Cambridgeshire community Lottery website **https://www.cambridgeshirecommunitylottery.co.uk** and select Bar Hill Community Association as your chosen "good cause" when you purchase your ticket(s).

Tickets cost **just £1.00** per week, with the chance to win a massive **£25,000**. with the few we have already playing we have raised over £400, which we can put towards village amenities that you want to see provided or improved.

If you want more information then please feel free to contact any of the BHCA Trustees or Volunteers and they can advise.

We are always on the lookout for people in Bar Hill to come along and be part of the BHCA (Bar Hill Community Association) to help us to do even more for you, our village and the surrounding area, however there are a few of you who just could not spare the time, but would like to do more. Well you can, quite simply from the comfort of your home.

Olive Tree Bereavement Group - August 2026

Have you lost your special person? Are you struggling with your grief?

Olive Tree Bereavement Group meets every second Saturday at 10.30 in the Octagon opposite the surgery. We are a welcoming and supportive group who have all experienced the loss of a loved one.

Whether your bereavement is recent or it has been some time ago, we are here to help. It's a time to listen and to talk in confidence with others who understand.

'Since my husband died, I have really appreciated being part of this group. Everyone is so supportive. I've cried and laughed and have felt I am not alone as I come to terms with my new life' (member of the group).

Everyone is welcome. If you would like to know more, please contact our experienced CRUSE leaders, **Sue Kenchington** on 780260 or **Chris Stannard** on 781978 or come along to one of our sessions.

The dates for the next two session are **8th August and 12th September**.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

We meet in the Octagon on the 4th Thursday of the Month, at 7.30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

The next meeting is 27th August. If you are interested in joining or would like further information or help, please contact either Wendy Arrowsmith on **01954 781381** or Malcolm Cox on **01954 488657**.

Hedgehog Fact

They have natural mild immunity to snake venom – rare among mammals.

BAR HILL BIN COLLECTION DATES

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Thursday 10th September	✔		
Thursday 17th September		✔	✔

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Following the success of the Bar Hill Fête and Festival, the BHCA would like to invite its readers and valued sponsors to start thinking about Christmas 🎄

We know it feels early—but planning is already underway for 2026, including an exciting ambition to establish a **permanent village Christmas tree** alongside our annual lights.

To make this happen, we're seeking sponsorship from local businesses. Due to tree planting seasons and contractor requirements, **all sponsorship must be confirmed by 30th September 2026 at the latest**.

💼 **Sponsorship Options:**

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The Welcome night is FREE to attend to find out more about the club including the new season's programme, meet club members' and see some images from over the summer break. There will be wine, soft drinks and nibbles !

We are always keen to encourage new members to join and pride ourselves on being a very friendly, welcoming club.

There will be guest speakers at some of our meetings covering a variety of subjects eg, wildlife, creative photography, landscapes and travel photography and more. We also have internal and external competitions and club outings. There will also be members' nights covering various topics such as camera gear, software, practical sessions and more - so something for everyone!

The full annual subscription (unchanged) this season (September 2026 - May 2027) is -

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Come along and try us out!

The Club meets in the 'Carol Shaw' room at Swavesey Village College every Thursday during College term time 7pm - 9pm.

For further info and to see some of our members photos check out our website.The new season's programme is available on the website. If you would like more information about the club or you are thinking about joining us please get in touch by using the club email - **info@swaveseycameraclub.co.uk**

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Bar Hill Primary School

MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB PERFORMS AT MERIDIAN SHOWCASE

A huge congratulations to Miss Barr and our KS2 Musical Theatre Club, who gave an outstanding performance at the Meridian Trust Showcase on Tuesday. Their hilarious reimagining of Romeo and Juliet delighted the audience, showcasing fantastic acting, singing and comic timing.

The children performed with confidence, energy and enthusiasm, demonstrating the hard work and dedication they have shown throughout their rehearsals. We are incredibly proud of how brilliantly they represented our school and of the memorable performance they delivered.

Well done to everyone involved - you were simply amazing!

SPORTS DAY

What a fantastic Sports Day we had!

With perfect weather, incredible energy from the children, and a wonderful atmosphere throughout, the day was a huge success.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who came along on Wednesday to cheer on and support the children. Your encouragement helped make the day even more special.

A special thank you also goes to Miss Frampton for all of her hard work in organising the event. The day ran smoothly from start to finish, and we are incredibly grateful for the time, effort and dedication she put into making it such a success.

We were so proud to see outstanding teamwork, encouragement, determination, and sportsmanship on display. The sea of vibrant house colours created a spectacular sight, adding to the excitement and strong sense of community.

The round-robin activities were thoroughly enjoyed by everyone, with every child enthusiastically taking part and giving their best. The races provided a thrilling finale to the session, and it was a joy to see so many smiling faces as the children celebrated their achievements together.

House Results;

- 1st place: 2752 (100 house points) Grant
- 2nd place: 2744 (75 house points) Peacock
- 3rd place: 2652 (50 house points) Hazel
- 4th place: 2225 (25 house points) Jarman

Well done to all our wonderful children for their enthusiasm, resilience, and positive attitudes. They truly made this year's Sports Day one to remember!

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Trees

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Barbecues

Please do not have fires or barbecues on the village green or other open spaces around the village due to fire risk.

Vegetation

Please could residents check that vegetation from their property is not encroaching on any footpaths, particularly behind fences. Overhanging and overgrown vegetation can cause a hazard to users of the footpaths especially the less mobile.

Graffiti in play areas

Graffiti is still being found on the play equipment. Removal of the graffiti can be difficult and incurs a cost to residents.

Dog Fouling

Please make sure you clean up after your dogs, especially in the play areas and the village green, and have poo bags with you when out walking with your dogs. Remember that **all dog waste can be put in general waste bins** not just dog bins. Please report any concerns here https://www.scambs.gov.uk/recycling-and-bins/report-or-request/report-environmental-issues

Fly Tipping

Please can residents not Fly Tip their rubbish as this involves a considerable cost to residents. If you would like to give away free items, please put them within your property boundary and not on public/private land.

Litter Picking

A big thank you to all those that take time to pick litter around the village and those who have joined the monthly litter picks.

If anyone would like a bag & litter picker to use when they have time, please contact the Clerk on 01954 780456 or clerk@barhill-pc.gov.uk to collect from the PC office.

Potholes

Please report potholes or any other highways or footpath issues on Cambridgeshire County Council's website: https://highwaysreporting.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/en-gb

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Environment and Amenities Meeting

2 September 2026 - 7pm in the Parish Council Office. There are no scheduled meetings in August.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

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Cambridgeshire County Council

Bar Hill Post Office

Great news for local residents - the post office has concluded the formal agreements with the county council needed to continue to operate in the Library. It's been a long time since the post office was fully operational and a good portion of the time closure was due to the Library being refurbished. In the time it was closed it was incredibly inconvenient and difficult for many residents who had to go some distance for post office services. But the long wait has produced results - at last!

The council has been keen to keep the post office operating within the Library as both have benefited from the co-location. The refurbishments have improved the facilities generally, and within the Library there is now all new glazing, new carpeting and decoration throughout, air source heat pumps, a new front desk and the installation of an NHS-funded wellbeing pod.

Above all we were able to ensure that the council made it a priority to secure the post office within the village, as realistically it may have been lost if we could not secure the formal agreements. It was always a priority for the council that Bar Hill retained the post office, an incredibly important local community asset.

Good luck to the post office when it opens! Thanks to everyone for their patience and support.

Trees and Access to Nature

Friends of the Earth have done a report on nature specifically relating to Bar Hill. It's a fascinating set of highlights. For example, Bar Hill has relatively high levels of pollution, ranking 2nd highest out of 26 areas considered in South Cambs. There are high levels of polluting particulates (7.8 ug/m3 compared to the WHO recommended maximum of 5 ug/m3). This is probably due to the proximity to the A14. On the other hand the summer tree canopy cover is about 18.7% which is not far from the recommended 20%. Access to green spaces is good for mental and physical health and 82% of the residents in Bar Hill are within a 15 minute walk of a green space - ideally this should be 100% but it is reasonably high. The authors cite some concern over the level of poorly insulated homes (which they estimate to be 52%) which suggests there are many residents subject to high fuel bills and feeling the big changes in weather. These points give us even more motivation to press on supporting more trees and green spaces (and access to green spaces), reducing air pollution and encouraging government schemes to adapt and insulate more homes.

BAR HILL DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr William Scantlebury - Cllr.Scantlebury@scambs.gov.uk

Hi, I'm William Scantlebury, your new District Councillor. I've been in the role for three months now, and I wanted to introduce myself to those I haven't yet met and share what I've been working on.

I live in the neighbouring town of Northstowe, and having spent much of the last five years in South Cambs, everything I do in my new role will be led by what you, the residents of Bar Hill, actually want and need. As District Councillor, I exist to bridge the gap between Bar Hill residents and the South Cambridgeshire District Council. That's why I'll be attending Parish Council meetings, the hub most weeks and writing a monthly update here in the Bar Hill News Magazine. You can also contact me at any time via email: cllr.scantlebury@scambs.gov.uk.

Since election day on 7th May, I've been working with the Skatepark group and the Tennis Club to secure funding, responding to resident enquiries, and working with Edna Murphy (County Councillor) to get to know Bar Hill better. There's been a significant amount of training too, and I now feel fully up to speed with the responsibilities and processes the role of District Councillor demands.

I've been elected Vice Chair of the Climate Change and Environment Advisory Committee, which is a great honour. I hope to strengthen the district's response to the climate crisis, both in Bar Hill and across South Cambs. To give you a sense of why this matters locally, recent data from Friends of the Earth show that 780 homes in Bar Hill are poorly insulated and that we have tree cover levels below the recommended minimum, so this isn't an abstract issue for our ward. I've been working with community members to kickstart a sustainability project in the village, aiming to encourage second-hand clothes shopping, as well as repair and recycling practices.

I also sit on both the Planning Committee and the Scrutiny and Overview Committee. The latter holds the council's own decisions to account, ensuring that their actions are in the best interests of South Cambs residents.

I stood to be your District Councillor as I believe in the importance of democratic representation, and because I think young people should be a part of that. I want to be a fair, approachable, and honest voice for everyone in Bar Hill, not just those who voted for me.

Bar Hill is a fantastic community that I'm proud to serve. So whether you've got a concern, a question, or just want to say hello, please do get in touch. I look forward to meeting even more of you very soon.

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Bar Hill School PTA

The PTA has once again been busy this academic year so far, raising a total of **£6963.48**

This money has enabled the school to purchase more iPads, bring the pantomime to school, subsidise the Life Education Bus and bring the Megson Folk Band to school.

The PTA would like to thank Tesco Bar Hill for the generous donations throughout the academic year.

The PTA would also like to thank all parents and carers for their continued support and generosity through the academic year.

If you would like to join the PTA please email PTA@barhillprimary.org

BAR HILL LIBRARY - August 2026

Summer Reading Challenge

Well done to all of you who have registered for this year's Summer Reading Challenge - Read To The Beat. Remember to come into the library each week to let us know what you've been reading and receive your stickers. For week 4, there will be a special Collector's Magazine in addition to the sticker. It's packed full of interesting things to look at.

Why not come along to a crafting event linked to the challenge? It's called 'Cut, Create, Compose' and has a musical theme. This will be on 19th August, from 11am to 12.30pm. Explore how artists have used musical instruments in their paintings and make your own collage inspired by our collection of REAL instruments!

Save the date - this year's SRC awards ceremony will take place in Bar Hill Library on 16th September at 3.30pm.

Coffee, Cake, Conversation and More

On the first Tuesday of every month, there is a session for people to come together and chat in the library. This is exactly what it says - come along, have a cuppa and some cake, chat with others and take part in a simple activity if you want to. The next session is on 1st September from 10.30 to 11.30am. Please note that this is when the library is usually closed - it will be open specifically for this event each month.

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wheelchair accessible, free parking available

Saturday, August 22
Saturday, September 26
Saturday, October 24

please visit https://www.facebook.com/OverMemoryCafe/

Your Community Hub

August & September 2026

Every Monday, 10-12 (unless otherwise listed) in the Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery)
The Hub is for people of all ages as a place to gather & enjoy community!

3 August	Coffee Stop Foodbank Advice Sign-posting Chess, traditional & 5Aside versions	Health & Wellbeing - 10.15 - 10.45
10 August		Carers Café - Summer Cream Tea - anyone caring for an adult family member is very welcome - 10.00 - 11.30
17 August		Health & Wellbeing - 10.15 - 10.45
24 August		NO Evergreens today Meet a Parish Councillor - 10.00 - 12.00
31 August		BANK HOLIDAY - NO COMMUNITY HUB
7 September		Health & Wellbeing - 10.15 - 10.45

WHEN: Every Monday 10am - 12pm., but please note that the Community Hub will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday, 31 August. We look forward to welcoming you again on Monday 6 September.

WHERE: The Octagon (opposite Maple Surgery), Bar Hill, CB23 8EH

WHAT: Our vision is to create a fairer and friendlier community, so everyone can thrive and knows where to turn to for warmth, welcome, friendship and support. The Hub is a busy gathering space, providing a warm, comfortable, welcoming space for our entire community. Come along and join us, we look forward to seeing you!

Coffee Stop: Pop in for a coffee, a piece of delicious home-made cake and a chat with friends, old and new!

Foodbank: No need for any vouchers. If you are struggling financially, drop by and let us help you, available between **10.00 - 11.30 am.**

HUB ADVICE DROP-IN: Available from **10.00 - 11.30 am** on Mondays with Kevin. Just call into the Community Hub during this time and we will be pleased to point you in the right direction. **No advice available on Mondays 10, 24 and 31 August.**

Evergreens: a safe space for those with memory loss to enjoy: Conversation, Connection, Celebration. Accompanied by a carer, friend or family member. When: usually 4th Monday of each month, but please note that we will not be meeting in August. Our next session will be Monday 28 September.

Health & Wellbeing: On the 1st & 3rd Monday, take advantage of some exercise guidance from our experienced coach (starting at 10.15am).

Carers Café: On the 2nd Monday of the month, providing support for any carers in the village, even if you are not a patient of Maple Surgery.

Meet a Parish Councillor: you can meet one of our Parish Councillors to discuss any issues within our village. Just look for the sign in the Coffee Stop.

Traditional & 5Aside Chess (within the Coffee Stop): A great way to connect and start a conversation with people happy to teach you this wonderful game. Come along and join us for refreshments and a chat!